Charges against Chief Engineer of Prasar Bharati

4872. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in one of the corruption cases, the charges against the Chief Engineer of Civil Construction Wing of Prasar Bharati were established;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Govemment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) In one of the five cases of irregularities investigated against the Chief Engineer of Civil Construction Wing, the officer has been found grossly negligent in his duties. Action, as per rules, is being taken in the matter on the advice of CVC and UPSC.

Review of ban on FDI in Print Media

4873. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govemment are considering a proposal for partial review of the ban imposed by Govemment in 1955 on Foreign Direct Investment in print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the proposal has been opposed by the Parliamentary Committee on Information Technology which has expressed in favour of the continuance of the ban; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Standing Committee on Information Technology has given its report on the subject of entry of Foreign Print Media and Foreign Direct Investment in Print Media. The Report which has a number of dissenting notes, is being examined by the Govemment.